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SUBJECT: STATE OF TENNESSEE TRADE MISSION

1. THOMAS BENSON, COMMISSIONER OF STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPT. OF ECON AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND GENE BLANTON, BROTHER OF TENNESSEE GOV. RAY BLANTON, VISITED EMBASSY AUG. 20 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED VISIT. MR. BLANTON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ASSOCIATES IN HIS CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AND BEIRUT BUSINESSMAN, KASPAR KASPARIAN. BENSON AND GROUP HAVE NO DETAILS ON DATE, MAKEUP OF MISSION OR FINAL ITINERARY. DURING VISIT TO KUWAIT THIS SPRING, BENSON PROPOSED GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN LED BY GOVERNOR. HE NOW SUGGESTS GOVERNOR ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE OR SIX STAFF MEMBERS AS A "FACT-FINDING" MISSION FOR FUTURE VISITS BY TENNESSEE BUSINESSMEN. GROUP WOULD INCLUDE PRESS AIDE, CAMERAMAN AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO JOURNALISTS.

2. BENSON TOLD EMBOFF MISSION MIGHT POSSIBLY VISIT ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS BUT THEY HAD NOT RPT NOT INFORMED ALL POSTS. EMBOFF URGED BENSON TO MAKE DEFINITE ITINERARY ASAP AND TO INFORM POSTS AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT AND USDOC AND HE AGREED TO
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3. TENTATIVE DATES FOR KUWAIT STILL FALL WITHIN RAMADAN AND ID AL FITR HOLIDAY AND EMBOFF AGAIN SUGGESTED VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER ID. KASPARIAN SUPPOSEDLY MAKING ALL PLANS FOR OFFICIAL AND BUSINESS VISITS IN EACH COUNTRY AND CLAIMS TO BE ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH HEAD OF STATE IN EACH COUNTRY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED AND COMMENT: REQUEST COMMERCE OR STATE OBTAIN DETAILS OF TENNESSEE MISSION FROM BENSON, 1007 ANDREW JACKSON STATE OFFICE BLDG., NASHVILLE, 37219, PHONE (615) 741-1888. EMBASSY KUWAIT INVOLVEMENT IN MISSION NOW SEEMS LIMITED TO TENTATIVE RECEPTION FOR GOVERNOR AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. BUT PAST EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE VISIT SHOWS EMBASSY OFTEN REQUIRED TO BECOME MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED AT LAST MINUTE WHEN OTHER PLANS FALL THROUGH. ALSO BENSON'S SUGGESTION HE HAD NOT RPT NOT INFORMED ALL POSTS IN COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY INDICATES PROBLEMS.
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